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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 179

BY REPRESENTATIVE LEGER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To commend Bivian "Sonny" Lee, III, and the Son of a Saint Foundation for their community outreach and dedication to improving the lives of fatherless young men in the city of New Orleans.

WHEREAS, Bivian Lee, Jr., was a defensive back for the New Orleans Saints from 1971-1975, when at the age of thirty-six he tragically died from a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lee left to cherish his memory his wife, a five-year-old daughter, Tamica, and a three-year-old son, Bivian "Sonny" Lee, III; and

WHEREAS, Bivian Sonny Lee, III, recognized and appreciated the opportunities he was afforded as a child and wanted to replicate his many blessings, and in 2011, at the age of twenty-nine, Sonny founded the Son of a Saint Foundation in honor of his late father and single mother; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Son of a Saint Foundation is to enhance the lives of fatherless young males through mentorship, education, mental health services, and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, the vision of the foundation is to improve the community by becoming the premier organization in New Orleans that holistically serves fatherless young males; and

WHEREAS, the mentees involved in the program are fatherless due to their father's absence, incarceration, or death, often as a result of violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, boys join between the ages of nine and thirteen and are expected to continue until they receive a college acceptance letter and become mentors themselves; and

WHEREAS, today, Son of a Saint volunteers serve twenty-five kids directly and hundreds more through community outreach programs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby commend Bivian "Sonny" Lee, III, and the Son of a Saint Foundation for stepping up and

making a tremendous difference in the lives of young people throughout the city of New Orleans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to Bivian "Sonny" Lee, III.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE